

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 17-21 remain pending in the instant application. All claims presently stand rejected. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116(b)(1), claims 14-16 are hereby cancelled without prejudice to place the application in better form for appeal. A Notice of Appeal is submitted herewith.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at (206) 292-8600 if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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